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THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE INDULGES IN A SECRET SESSION.

Report of the Land Commission to the Senate--The Land Bill in the House.

FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, June 19.

THE SENATE.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning, and the proceedings commenced with prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called, all present except Senator Baldwin, who came in later.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The secretary read a report from the Labor Commission on paragraph 3, section 3, of the Labor Commission Act, stating there is no possible way in which the Commission can arrive at the nationality, age, sex and number of the laboring population of the islands except by taking a new census or using the old one made in 1890, which the Commission states is valueless for the required purpose. The Commission recommends that the general census which would be taken next year in the natural order of events should be taken at once.

Sen. Brown moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Education and Public Health. Carried.

"Sen. Brown moved that a recess be taken for consultation. Carried. This was afterwards amended so that the Senate went into a secret conference which lasted half an hour. It was understood that the subject discussed was the election of the Council of State.

After recess the matter of electing five members of the Council of State was laid on the table, there to remain until called up.

Senator Waterhouse moved that rules be suspended in order to read a communication from the Hawaiian Republican Club. Carried. The Senator then read the resolution printed in another column, which was laid over to be considered with the order of the day tomorrow.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 a.m. Thursday.

THE REPRESENTATIVES.

After opening routine Mr. Kamaooha presented a petition from South Kona for a schoolhouse. Referred to education committee.

Mr. McBryde presented a favorable report from the finance committee on the bill to regulate the currency. Laid on the table to be considered with the bill.

Mr. Robertson introduced three bills—one to incorporate the Honolulu Electric Railway Company, another to grant a franchise for the electric lighting of Hilo, and the third to regulate the selling of articles by traveling agents.

Minister Hatch replied to questions preferred by Mr. Robertson, as follows:

Q. Has the government authorized the introduction of any Chinese laborers under Chapter 80, Laws of 1892?

A. Yes; it has.

Q. If so, how many?

A. Two hundred and eighty-seven. Of these thirty-five arrived by the Belgic March 2, 1892. Of the remainder 125 permits had been returned. It is not expected that the balance can be utilized owing to objections on the part of the authorities at Hongkong. Under the law as amended by act of the Executive and Advisory Councils of the Republic dated March 19, 1895, 1345 permits have been issued. There have been no arrivals as yet.

Q. How many Chinese are there now in the country on six months' residence permits under said law?

A. Including 115 now on the quarantine ground, there are 1363.

Mr. Hanuna introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, no pay having been fixed for officers of the house, the following salaries be paid: interpreter, \$10 a day; clerk, \$10 a day; sergeant-at-arms and messenger, \$5 a day.

Mr. Robertson thought there was no reason for extravagant salaries to officers of the House. They would not have to work so hard as officers of the last Legislature. It has been customary to allow the secretary thirty days after the adjournment to complete his work. Five dollars a day to the sergeant-at-arms was more than a first-class mechanic could earn. He would move that the clerk receive \$7 a day and the sergeant-at-arms \$3.50.

Mr. Hanuna considered that the mover of the amendment had begun this morning to give work to the clerk at a rate that would bring his labors up close to the amount done by former secretaries. The sergeant had a good deal to do, having to keep the peace in the House and do its errands.

Mr. Richards favored the amendment. The sergeant would not have much to do in the direction of keeping the peace if the house continued as pacific as it had been.

Mr. Kamaooha thought the secretary and interpreter ought to be paid equally. In former Legislatures the sergeant got \$5 a day and the messenger \$3.

The Speaker decided on a tie against the amendment.

Mr. Robertson then moved that the clerk receive \$8 and the sergeant-at-arms \$4.

Mr. Kamaooha argued for giving the clerk an equal salary with the interpreter.

Mr. Robertson contended that the interpreter had just as much work as in former legislatures and ought to have \$10.

Mr. Richards said that there had been no competition for the position of interpreter, which showed that there were few who would undertake the duties.

Mr. Ryceft spoke against a reduction in the interpreter's pay as compared with the clerk's.

The question was finally settled as follows: secretary, \$8; interpreter, \$10, and sergeant-at-arms, \$4.

Mr. Robertson moved a resolution for a joint committee of House and Senate on the printing of the rules. Carried.

The house went into committee

of the whole on the land bill. Mr. Kamaooha in the chair.

Mr. Richards asked a question about fees. He moved that the fees of unsuccessful supplicants be returned to them.

Minister Smith advocated the charging of a fee of two dollars on each application for land.

Minister Damon was sorry to disagree with his colleague. The applicants would naturally be people to whom a dollar or two was important. An application fee was a fine on the applicant.

Minister Smith wished to explain that, while disagreements in the Cabinet on essential points would be highly improper, he did not think there was any impropriety in differences between Ministers about small details. He argued that if an eight-acre lot did not cost a man anything he would not be apt to value it properly.

Mr. Ryceft thought the sub-agent should not receive more than three applications for one piece of land. It would not do to have twenty applicants for one lot.

Mr. Robertson did not know why the Attorney General was so anxious to take two dollars from a man without giving him anything in return.

Minister Smith argued that these land tenures should not be granted without certain restrictions, which would prevent speculation, land-grabbing, etc. It was no hardship to a man who took up ten acres of land to dig up a dollar or two, which perhaps he might have spent in buying gin. There had to be investigations as to the applicant's compliance with conditions of obtaining land and these investigations would cost money.

Minister Damon said his business brought him into acquaintance with some of the poorest people in this country. There were natives so poor that, if it was a cold climate, they would freeze to death. The legislature ought to encourage these poor people to get land on which to make a living. So unambitious were they that, if they failed in the first application, losing their two dollars, they would become discouraged and not try again.

Minister Smith (interrupting) asked why an intending applicant should not ask the sub-agent if there were any prior applications for a certain lot. It was not against poor men that the provision in question was directed, but against rascals and land-grabbers.

Minister Damon related an account of how he had reclaimed a man who had been a notorious stealer of fish from his pond by giving him a small lot on which to make his living.

Mr. Winston moved the fee be 50 cents.

Minister Smith moved \$1.

The amendment of Mr. Richards carried, leaving the fee at \$2.

At noon the committee took recess till 1:30.

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